City Manager's Friday Newsletter

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

June 16, 2015

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- <u>Presentation</u> regarding
 Historic Aviation Campus
- Hearing on 2015
 Comprehensive Plan update

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website: http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1

2015 Calendar:

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 16
Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm
George Gilbertson Board
Room
1601 Avenue D

http://ci.snohomish.wa.us/AgendaC enter/ViewFile/Agenda/06162015-518

Draft Transportation Master Plan (2015 to 2035)

As required by the Growth Management Act, the City's Comprehensive Plan, for the years 2015 to 2035, is currently being updated and as part of the Comprehensive Plan update, the Transportation Master Plan is also being updated. The Master Plan must satisfy the requirements of the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Vision 2040 and the Snohomish County Countywide Planning Policies and be consistent with the City's Strategic Plan. The Transpo Group was contracted by the City to provide transportation planning services for the update. On June 2nd, the 2015 Draft Transportation Master Plan was presented to the City Council during a workshop and at the Council meeting there was a public hearing.

The Master Plan has not been updated since 2004. The City of Snohomish has been very successful in the last 7 years in attaining federal and state grants for transportation projects. In many cases, grant success was improved by using matching funds from the City's Transportation Benefit District (TBD). As a result, the majority of the improvement projects identified in the 2004 Plan have been completed, including the recently constructed 15th Street and Avenue D Roundabout.

Traffic data such as vehicle counts (along roads and at intersections) and trip origin/destinations was collected to develop a model to evaluate the existing transportation system. Future year 2035 household and employment data from PSRC and Snohomish County, and land use data from the City, was used to develop the year 2035 transportation system model. Level of Service (a measure of traffic delay) was calculated at various intersections in the City under existing and future conditions. A list of transportation improvement projects was developed to address

safety and transportation deficiencies. A multi-modal approach was taken in this update so the City's pedestrian and bicycle systems were also reviewed. The new project list includes intersection improvements (traffic signal) at Bickford Avenue and Weaver Road, safety improvements at Second Street and Avenue J, and pedestrian and road improvements along Avenue A, to name a few. The full list of proposed improvement projects to be completed over the next approximate 20 years (2015 to 2035) is located in the draft plan (see link below).

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June 12, 2015 www.snohomishwa.gov Based on the estimated project costs and calculated growth trips, a proposed traffic impact fee of \$1,603 per pm peak hour trip was calculated which is an increase from the current fee of \$1,422 per trip established in 2004. This is at the lower end of traffic impact fees in comparison to other Western Washington agencies. The range statewide for traffic impact fees is from approximately \$500 to \$14,000 per pm peak hour trip. The average in Snohomish County is approximately \$2,453. Although there is a proposed increase, the fees alone will not cover the project costs. Grants and other funding sources will be needed. The City will continue to apply for transportation grants where appropriate and as available.

Maintaining the existing transportation system is just as important as improving the system. If the existing system is not properly maintained then the costs for restoring or reconstructing the roads will increase. Maintenance and operations of the transportation system was included as part of this update. The Transportation Benefit District (TBD) is an essential part of the maintenance of the transportation system by providing funds to preserve the City's paved roads.

The 2015 Draft Transportation Master Plan has been placed on the City's Engineering webpage for public review (see link below). Next steps are to submit the draft plan to the State Department of Commerce and PSRC for review and to provide additional public review and comment through the City's <u>State Environmental Policy Act</u> (SEPA) process.

http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2185

For questions or comments, please contact Yosh Monzaki at 360-282-3161 or Monzaki@snohomishwa.gov.

Snohomish Comprehensive Plan Update



The Comprehensive Plan is a policy and planning document that addresses current and future land use and related topics within the City. It is intended to serve as a guide for regulatory and budgetary decisions to achieve a 20-year vision for Snohomish. This vision is an expression of local community values together with countywide, regional, and statewide goals for accommodating growth, stimulating economic development, providing housing opportunities, ensuring environmental protection, maintaining adequate services, and other priorities. The requirement for a comprehensive plan and the elements that must comprise it are specified in the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) in Chapter 36.70A RCW.

Cities and counties required to plan under GMA must amend their comprehensive plans at intervals to ensure ongoing consistency with the Act and evolving community circumstances. According to GMA, 2015 is the update year for King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties and all of their cities. While the City's Comprehensive Plan has been amended at various times over the years, most of the current goals and policies are 10 to 20 years old. Many policies are obsolete; the actions they direct have been accomplished or they are no longer consistent with current thought and practice. Others are redundant or the original intent is now ambiguous. Consequently, the Comprehensive Plan has, over time, become less relevant to community policy discussions.

The mandated GMA review was seen as an opportunity to revive and update the Comprehensive Plan to make it a more understandable, relevant, and useful document for the City Council and our citizens.

The City's Planning Commission has reviewed the policies in each chapter or "element" of the Comprehensive Plan since spring of 2012. Additionally, the City's Economic Development Committee and Parks Board have reviewed and proposed policy changes to certain elements. This effort has resulted in a set of policy amendments recommended to the City Council for consideration. In general, the current policy direction is maintained, although most retained policies have been reworded for clarity and conciseness. The policy amendments currently recommended to the City Council, as well as the current adopted Comprehensive Plan, may be found on the City's website at http://www.snohomishwa.gov/459/2015-Comprehensive-Plan-Update. A public hearing on these amendments is scheduled for June 16, 2015. You are encouraged to attend or to provide written comments. Please contact Planning Director Owen Dennison at dennison@snohomishWA.gov with any questions.



Applicants Sought for Snohomish Economic Development Committee

Applicants are being sought to fill an upcoming vacancy on the City of Snohomish Economic Development Committee. The applications are due to the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19th, at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue in Snohomish.

The Committee helps to coordinate and facilitate implementation of the City's strategic plan *Imagine Snohomish: Promoting Vitality and Preserving Character,* by considering means to promote economic development for increased retail sales, tourism, construction and creation of living wage employment opportunities in the community to improve the local economy. It is in the public interest to implement an economic diversification strategy for recovery from the long-term effects of the economic downturn. The term for the Economic Development Committee runs for two years.

Due to the expertise required to perform the duties of the Committee, appointed members typically are those with an interest in the City as a result of either living, working, owning property or business, and/or belonging to one of the City's civic organizations. All City board and commission members are volunteers serving without compensation.

The vacancy was created by Economic Development Committee member Adam Lasky's resignation due to work obligations. The appointment is for the remainder of Mr. Lasky's term which will expire April 1, 2016. At that time the appointee would be eligible for reappointment for a regular two-year term. Mr. Lasky has served as a Committee Member since November 2013.

Applications are available at City Hall and may also be downloaded from the City web site: www.SnohomishWA.gov



Snohomish K9 Crimewatch June 20 Kickoff Event at Boys & Girls Club



Snohomish K9 Crimewatch was started as an additional means to fight back against crime in our community. Through this program we are enlisting the help of the hundreds of people who walk their dogs around Snohomish every day. With only 2 or 3 police officers on patrol at a time we can only be in a few places. As we partner with dog walkers and help them develop a more complete awareness of what is going on around them, we can exponentially increase our effectiveness in crime fighting in Snohomish. Come out and help us kick off this partnership and visit with some local animal organizations who have volunteered to participate with us in this program. The first 200 Snohomish Dog Walkers to sign up get a free Snohomish K9 Crimewatch Dog Triangle/Bandana.



Community partnerships involving police, citizens, and businesses are the core of effective crime prevention and crime fighting in our town. At Snohomish Police Department we value these partnerships which have been established over time and we are continually searching for ways to do an even better job. Clearly the people of Snohomish are proud of our town and are very involved in making it a great place to live, work, and play. Those of us who work at the Police Department work hard every day to make the city exactly that, but, since we can only be in a few places at once we need the help of those who are out and about to tell us when things are out of place or when something suspicious is happening in their neighborhood. Nobody knows the neighborhoods as well as those who live there. Snohomish K9 Crimewatch is a program designed to make this partnership between police and community an even more effective one.

Featured Vendors include:

Bridges Pets, Everett Animal Shelter, Community Cat Coalition, Snohomish Co-op, Dayville Hay and Grain, Pasado's Safe Haven, Lost Dogs of Snohomish County Facebook, Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital, Snohomish Station Veterinary, I'm There Mobile Pet Care, Good Neighbor Veterinary Clinic, Pet Pros, K9 Search and Rescue, Washington State Animal Response Team (WASART), Second Chance Wildlife, Del's Farm and Feed, and The Dog Works.

Featured Demonstrations:

- Police K9 and Narcotics Recovery Demonstration
- K9 Search and Rescue Demonstration
- Dog Barn Hunt Demonstration
- Agility by The Dog Works

Bring your K9 companions on a leash and join us June 20th, 2015 from 10am – 2pm for our kickoff event at the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club located at 402 Second Street, Snohomish.

Stay Safe and Legal this 4th of July -- 2015!

Celebrate Legally:

Use fireworks only in legal locations.

July 4th between 9am – midnight Arlington July 4th between 9am - 11pm Bothell July 4th between 9am – 11:59pm July 4th between 9am – 11:59pm Brier Darrington

Edmonds **Banned** Banned Everett Gold Bar **Banned**

Granite Falls

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July 4th between 9am – 11:59
July 4th between 9am – 11:59pm on private property only
July 4th between 9am – midnight
July 4th between 9am – 11pm Lake Stevens Lynnwood July 4th between 9am – 11pm Marvsville

Banned Mill Creek

July 4th between 9am - midnight Monroe

Banned Mountlake Terrace Mukilteo **Banned**

July 1 to July 4 between 9am - 11pm Snohomish Snohomish County (unincorporated) July 4 between 9am - 11:59pm Stanwood June 28 – July 5 between noon –11pm

Sultan State Law** Woodway Banned

Use only fireworks sold at state licensed fireworks stands.

Illegal fireworks are subject to immediate confiscation and possible criminal charges.

**Use fireworks only during the legal times per state law: (see above list for your area)

June 28th between 12 noon and 11:00 p.m.
 June 29th through July 3rd between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

July 4th between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight

July 5th between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Celebrate Safely:

- Be Prepared... before you light fireworks
 - o Use legal fireworks, available at licensed outlets
 - Store fireworks out of children's reach
 - Keep pets safe indoors
 - Always keep water handy.
- Be Safe... when lighting fireworks
 - Only adults should light fireworks.
 - Use outdoors only.
 - o Do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
 - Protect your eyes.
 - Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
 - Never relight a "dud".
- Be Responsible... after you finish
 - Soak used fireworks in water.
 - Be considerate clean up used fireworks
 - Keep matches and lighters away from children

Snohomish County Fire Marshal

www.snoco.org (keyword - fireworks)